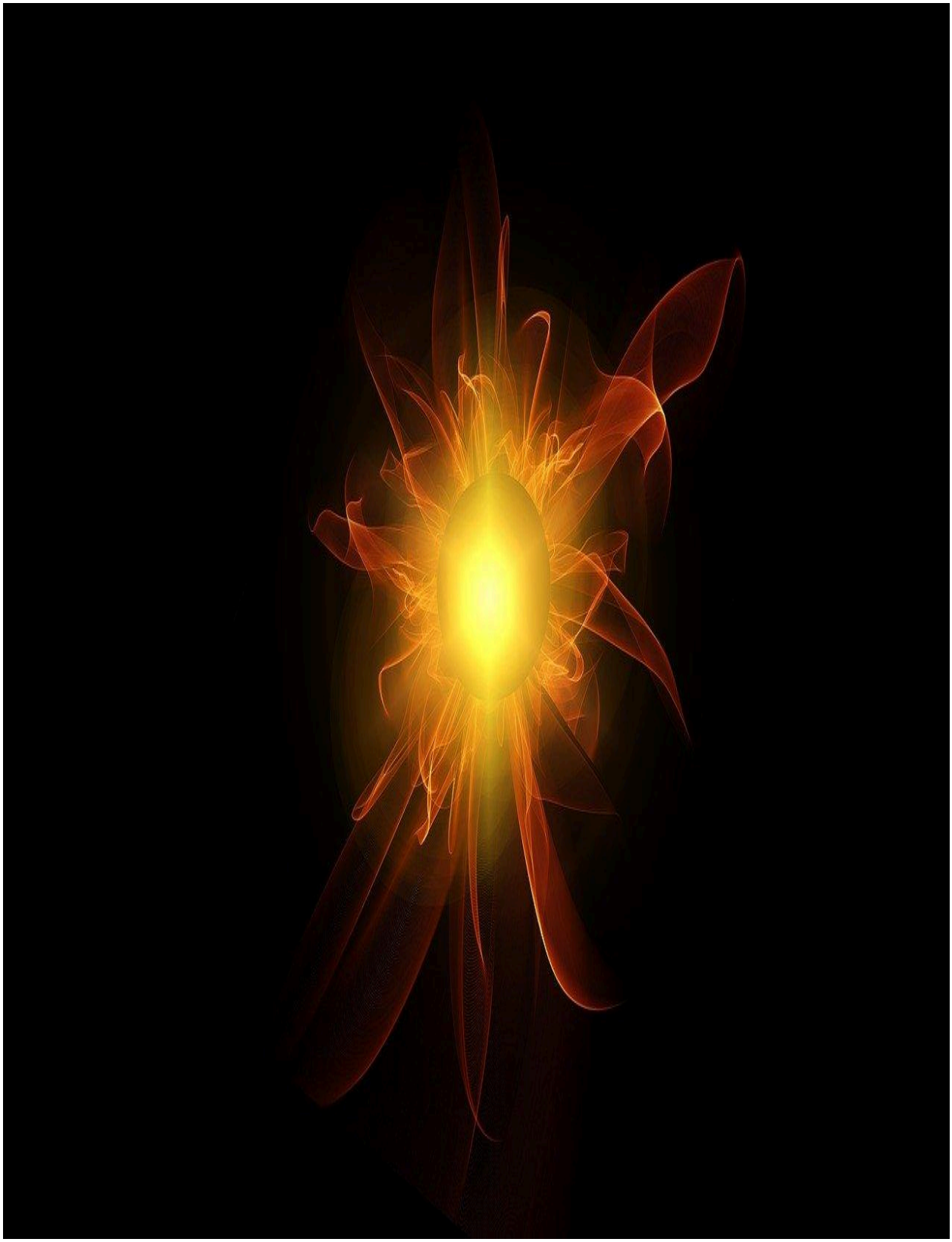

Some of the first words God spoke to me were, “ eye can believe him for salvation, but eye didn't believe him to prosper me, or for things like healing. And you know what, most people get revelations like this from years of going to church, but God revealed this to me by divine visitation. There eye dived into the word of God. It's funny, eye likened my search to a kid following the cookie crumbs to the cookie jar. Eye began following the breadcrumbs to the communion element table. So, eye found that eye had been living practicing legalism. Eye equated whether or not eye should be blessed based upon how good or how bad eye had been. Not upon being a believer and the seed of Abraham, and that alone guarantees an inheritance. Eye wanted to be a goodie 2 shoes. Eye remember even thinking to myself why it is not based upon how good eye could be. (eye was in a good place, a place banging it out in the arena of producing fruit.) In a serious delusion that eye was bringing forth good fruit in my own ability and strength. Eye had found a “passion,” and eye found eye was good at it. At the age of 43 eye got my high-school diploma, went to college and found out that eye was a smart guy. And for the first time ever eye felt accepted by my peers. So in a way my passion was trying to gain acceptance of others. My motivation was hearing people say, “ eye am proud of

you." So something was wrong with me, that eye would have to spend thousands of dollars, spend hours studying, in order to feel equal to my peers. Something eye tell myself now is, there is nothing wrong with me that eye need to covet anything someone else has. There is nothing that another man has that eye need, that eye don't already have myself. After all, eye have been chosen by God, and knowing God doesn't just choose anybody, changed my disposition on the way eye stand looking others in the eye today. After eye crashed and burned in school, school work became impossible. Having to juggle studying and managing my mental health. So now am left alone scared to show my face with everyone knowing that eye was in school, until suddenly eye wasn't. Eye was left alone. Because remember, eye was living off of the hi of being accepted by my peers, but the only reason eye gained acceptance was because it looked like for a minute eye was about to do something with my life. Now nobody wanted me in my broken state, except God.

.The brokenness came because my motives for getting a degree were way off. Eye found out if and when things in my life were not revolving around Jesus it is not going to work. Because eye am a Christian. And that is the order of a Christians life. Eye was trying to get God to testify about me, when eye was saved to testify about him. A deep rooted twisted way of people pleasing started in my home. I'd been taught that little boys hang with the boys, and eye was always under the girls. So eye was targeted as being gay or " he's going to be gay" So like most African American families, homosexuality was a big no no. And anyway, it was too soon to call a kid gay at the age of 13-14. Eye was an innocent kid, until my family let me know that it was a sin being homosexual, and then prophesying to me (so to speak) " why's he always with the girls," " why doesn't he like sports?" So, if eye wasn't homosexual chances would be I'd be confused about my sexuality at the least. When they laid down the law to me. You cannot be gay it's a sin. So the bible says when the law came, sin revived and eye died. So when it was implied to me that homosexuality was a sin, because to them outside looking in eye was going to be homosexual.They took a legalistic approach to keep me from being gay. They told me not

to do it. According to scripture homosexuality sprung forth in me and eye died. Eye can’t claim to know it all, but this is how the bible say’s my misconception came about. Because legalism is narrow minded. It couldn't be any other reason, why eye was different, like how eye was always hanging with girls. It couldn't be God training me to help women in any way. Which if they were people of faith they would have known that before eye pin on my kid brother this label, it has to be something else anything other than that. Here is an example of how the law works. Three young boys and their neighborhood friends

walk to school in the mornings. So the father of the three boys, told the three young boys a story, about how when he was their age they threw rocks at a condemned house, every morning before they went to school. And how they were arrested and brought home to their parents, and got a beating. He then tells them he better not ever find out they are vandalizing other people's property. Now as the three young boys and their neighborhood friends go to school one morning they discover what appears to be a condemned house. Out of all of the times they’ve passed this house, the boys are just now discovering it. They decide to begin hurling rocks at the house, and then take off running. The other boys who they are walking with find it funny, but don't see the fascination of throwing rocks at a condemned house. Only the boys who heard the story their father told them. Every day the boys begin to throw rocks at the house, until one morning the police are waiting for them to walk by, to catch them in the act. They get in trouble just like their father who told them the story about throwing rocks at the condemned house did. Now the father called himself telling them the story to keep them out of trouble and to let them know That there are consequences to their actions. Now the boys were wrong for throwing rocks at the condemned house. The potential to throw rocks at the house was already in them, but until their father decided to “ lay down the law” to the boys, did they discovered this fascination they had with throwing rocks at condemned houses. They have passed the condemned house every day,from the first grade till the sixth grade. In other words what the law does it brings to the surface your sinful nature. It reveals that you have this bad thing in you: “a desire to throw rocks

at condemned buildings." The boys who began to vandalize the condemned house wouldn't have ever noticed the condemned house had their father not told them the story. Just like some of us when we were children, and our parents laid down the rules for us it almost seemed like a reflex, to do the things the lawgivers told us not to do. The law lies lurking in the bushes to see what floats your boat. What tickles your fancy. Then when you act out on what it has been so desperately trying to get you to do; It's not trying to get you to do something bad as much as it is trying to get you to believe that you are bad. That's when the enemy steps in with " you all to be ashamed of yourself." " You know you weren't raised like that, what's wrong with you, that you would do something like that?" Let's take for instance a young boy who is raised with both parents. His parents let the little boy know their disapproval of the lifestyle of homosexuality. That it is a sin with the father saying no son of mine! Type of mentality. Now the little boy is no older than 9 or 10 and is busy outside having fun with his friends. His friends and he are jugging back and forth. You gay, you this, you that. The little boy and his friends don't know what sex is all about, although they act like they do, just to seem more mature than they are, you know how we did as kids. The little boy goes home with the seed planted. My buddies called me gay the very same things my parents despise. If the parents wouldn't have laid down the law with the "no son of mine" talk, the jokes he and his friends were telling about each other would have gone in one ear and out of the other. The young boy did not know, hey eye am a Christian therefore that has to be a lie. God has a purpose for my heterosexuality, my wife is waiting for me, get out of here with that devil. The young man believes the lie. Now the little boy and his friends were having innocent fun. The problem in creating this lie is the father telling his son that it was a sin. Another lie, the little boy if he was informed could have said right there eye am crucified with Christ dead to sin so that cannot be so. Folks, there is a difference when we believe in Jesus we receive the message of grace therefore free of the law. We don't preach the law, we don't teach the law, we advocate 100 percent for grace. Eye think it is necessary to point out, that when there is a father figure active in the little boys life, teaching him how to be a

man instilling in him masculinity and being around for the little boy in essence building a foundation in the little boys life, the little boy will have a higher chance at evading these kinds of troubles. You know, doing more than just " laying down the law for him." and developing him into a well-rounded well-balanced individual.

Because if eye am a believer then eye am not a homosexual. So I'd learned to hide my sexual orientation, and pretend to be "straight . eye went through all kinds of measures to prove to people, eye wasn't gay, and it worked too. My sister and brother eased up on me when eye got a girlfriend. Then eye was accepted. Eye want to be clear that today, eye have forgiven my siblings for sowing this seed into my head. My attempt is in all that eye do, to do it in faith, and to the glory of God. Someone may say, for so long eye hid my sexuality and denied it, and eye felt so much better when eye admitted it, and embraced it. Not to mention if you have embraced it, Satan's work is done for now. You bought into its lie and began to build a foundation for a healthy wholesome life, right? Now, what do you think would happen, if you chose to believe that because you are a Christian, this is a conflict of interest. You then under the direction of the holy spirit begin to go back on that building that you've built. Because as long as you are a Christian, you will never get the holy spirit to go along with that. And trust me when eye ay the holy spirit is way too smooth to abruptly stop you, he will stand back and wait for his opportunity to plant seeds in you, that leads you to healthy and wholesome relationships. He is the resurrection and the life, He will get up in you out of nowhere per God's command! And it's normally at an inopportune time. You in your new life, your new found fabulous life. When eye was living in my old apartment, eye was so horny one night, and because eye practice abstinence. Eye felt like Jesus must have felt, when being tempted in the wilderness. Eye rebuked, it stood my ground and stood on the word of God. Now in the flesh eye wanted to masturbate . But when it was over, you could have put the same image up before my eyes, and gotten no response. That's how eye know we have underestimated the power of darkness.

The measures he's taken to confuse you and me. You and eye would think that would be too much work, for the devil to intricately woven in my mind, at the exact same time of a thought of insecurity, or a moment of being unsure about myself, and he then pounces on the thought and takes the opportunity to plant the seed. Eye am finished being naive and gullible. Eye won't put not one thing past the devil. You know to try and tackle such a delicate matter of another's sexual orientation, would not even be possible in my opinion. All eye can do is share all of the angles eye have experienced. But eye say, if you are a homesexual. And you are a Christian, eye say to you, you are not a homosexual. You might not even come into the fullness of this truth, until you see Jesus, and he will completely transform you into being like him.
So the struggles you've had will cease, and the confusion you've had in this area will be no more. eye know some are saying, this cannot be, eye am accepted by God. eye feel his presence. I've received the spirit of God. He gave himself to you, because it does not yet appear what you shall be, For me, it was a thing of deficiency. What eye craved as an adolescent manifested itself as an adult. The absence of a relationship with my father, would create in me a boomerang-like effect, that depleted me of all the sufficiency God stored in me. Eye am not saying, that all homosexuals are in the same spot eye was in. Nor does my story apply to everyone but eye implore you please hear me out. The more eye reached for it, the more of myself eye lost. Until eye would sit one day empty of self-esteem, self-worth, and identity. Filled with self-hatred and self-loathing. Eye had been duped, hoodwinked, led amuck and run astray. But in all honesty, old-school told me not to do it. Because it is not true, homosexuality is an illusion, a fantasy. It is a lie of the enemy, when you get to the end of it, you realize the enemy has used my vulnerability to get me strung out, somewhere way in left field. Eye had become aware that to become truly fulfilled in the area of sexual orientation, and content and at peace, was to become everything eye saw in old boy. To see myself the same way eye saw him seeing himself. Now outside looking in, one would think but you are already everything he is. However, there was some kind of deficiency in me, draining my identification

eye had in myself in this area of myself. It was like yeah to the outside world, eye was attractive masculine but there was a disconnect in bridging what eye had seen with my eyes, to what eye had seen in the spirit of my imagination. I'd become drained so quick in this area. To the point where eye took myself as a joke. And of course, if eye took myself as a joke everyone else would take me as a joke. Eye believe it has something to do with my relationship or lack thereof with my dad. And while he lacked to instill in me my masculinity, and since of being just as good as them and better than most. God made up for in this area, you see eye have been a believer since the age of 13. Therefore eye was entitled to the covenant promises of Israel. Therefore "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up" (Psalms 29:10) therefore eye feel affirmed in believing that it is already here on deck. Eye am just missing it. It was going right over my head. Because as eye am sitting here now, eye am thinking to myself, eye got to start going to the gym, and getting fit, and that wouldn't be a bad thing. But eye don't have to do that, because eye am a hundred percent good enough in and of my own self, to ball with the rest of them. Eye got to be. You mean to tell me eye have been walking with the Lord for 37 years and he neglected me in this area. Eye don't think so. Sounds more like to me a trick of the enemy. A thorn in my side a messenger of satan sent to buffet me. Eye got the holy ghost, the gifts of the spirit. The mind of Christ. A new heart and a new spirit. A foundation that came from God. Therefore the culprit is me believing the lie of the enemy. Eye cast down every imagination that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring every thought into captivity, into the obedience of Jesus Christ. Eye might not be a typical man's man, but eye am a man after God's own heart. Eye run through a troop and leap over a wall. He makes my feet like hen's feet, and maketh my hands to war. Eye can break a bow of steel with my arms. Eye can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. There is plenty of testosterone over here. So yeah, old school told me not to do it, They didn't tell me what would happen if eye did do it however. But they did say not to do it. This is where it would have paid to do it because " eye said so". So when eye was on my escapades, was me taking

matters into my own hands, “ getting it like eye live” as the kids used to say. Going all the way down to debauchery and lascivious ways of living. The more men beds eye caroused, eye deducted something from the well of water springing up into eternal life. If God had been for it , or even if it were healthy for me, they would have added to the water. All the while creating an obsession and compulsion for it, so that eye would end up addicted to it. Where that , even if eye would have discovered who or where my depletion was coming from eye would be too powerless to do anything about it. So, on one hand, eye would despise myself all the while, going deeper and deeper into this lie, of this is the source of my joy, peace, and happiness. This is the one place eye find release when the pressure of the world becomes too heavy, when eye need a decompression of the enemy against my mind, here is where eye come to decompress. It had been with me ever since eye could remember, it was a secret as a child, until eye began to meet others who were “ Like me.” There was a deep knawing, eye was getting further and further away from my truth. Every time eye would engage in same-sex activity. Eye don’t get it, eye thought. Eye should be satisfied. I'm in a healthy relationship. I'm working, going to church, and even tithing. Eye figured God’s plan for man and woman was for them to be fruitful and multiply, so as long as eye am moving and growing and bearing fruit, God would look at it as a healthy relationship. And God could have looked at it as that. For all intents and purposes, let’s say God looked at it as a healthy relationship. But just because eye eat a steak, won’t make me a cow. (This was my dilemma) I wanted what those men had eye was sleeping with, eye wanted how they looked and saw themselves in the mirror, subconsciously. Eye wanted their self esteem, their self worth. Eye was saying, eye am not enough for this life, or for this world. Eye will take of you, and I will thus become whole and complete. After all the two became one, right? so , who’s to say that one eye become one with, is to be of the opposite sex? God only knows what eye need to be made whole. He made me for his purpose. Thankfully, He has already let it be known what it was eye needed. And it was not a same sex relationship. For me eye think looking back it was because eye was at the level of

zero in the way eye thought about myself. A trick the enemy used on me for a long time, until eye figured it out. That eye am just as good as they were, and better than a lot of them. That once eye thought about it eye had absolutely everything in me, that eye thought eye was getting from another man. Subconsciously, eye thought eye lacked masculinity. Eye had believed the lie of the enemy that eye wasn't as good as others. Think about it, it was an identity crisis, that would have a man bowing down before another one and putting himself in his mouth. God allowed me to see how degrading that is and was. Eye mean eye like what eye see when eye look in the mirror today. Eye ain't got to do that. It's because eye hadn't known all of the goods eye had possessed. Only to give up my self-respect to another in performing sexual acts that are degrading. So what eye was looking for out of satan's den of delicacies, eye simply could not find. Not only would eye not find it, but it does not exist. It is a lie of the devil. An illusion. Why when eye would release eye wouldn't feel satisfied but rather vexed, empty. The more eye released the more love and self respect for myself eye had lost. It had all become about him. To make him happy to see him smiling. And when eye chose to waist myself on something like that, it was like eye would one day have amnesia. I'd lost myself in gaining and keeping him. Just when you are in a comfortable position. Something goes wrong. Not necessarily in the relationship but within myself. My emotions were lying, my mind was lying, my heart was lying, they had all ganged up on me to deceive me in this one area. The enemy knew if he could trick me into believing eye was homosexual, he could convince me of anything. A lot of people simply believe their emotions, they believe their body parts. If eye get aroused by this image, it means eye am attracted to it. When what it is, Satan has managed to get his claws deep into your psyche. Because if eye know a thing is a lie. Eye am not about to follow it anywhere. Eye am going to submit to God resist the devil, and wait until it passes. Eye immediately get with God, after it passes and ask God, okay God what is up with those lies who had an overwhelming amount of information going contrary to the information I've received from you? It is too important of a decision to make half-hazardly. It is worth making sure the devil

isn’t exploiting a vulnerability of mine. He is a cunning foe. it Would ultimately leave me as a patient who had amnesia. Eye would have lost and forgotten what and who eye was in and of my own self. There was nothing left,eye was in the red when it came down to identity, outside of a gay man. That's what eye was, and that is all eye did. The devil had me believing that if eye fast track it, by engaging in same-sex relations would bring me fulfillment. Because to wait on God, would mean to me at the time “ doing nothing “ and while life was passing by, and everyone was getting theirs. Eye would be stuck paralyzed frozen even. Such and such are doing it with no consequences. I’d even find a gay church, which looking back would be a laboratory for the devil. You had trans, gays, and lesbians. Eye don’t think we all ended up there because of the same reasons, a lack of intimate healthy same-sex relationships. But one thing was certain, we had all transgressed as Christians. We put our Christianity even above our sexual orientation, so that we don’t listen to outside forces defining us, and telling us who we are. We, by the scripture mold ourselves into who his word says we are. You are not the only one who is facing or have faced difficulty in this area, or other areas, because if and when you stand on the word of God, and tell those thoughts, feeling’s emotions yourself even. That’s not the way it is going to be. It’s going to be God's way. You will be shocked to find out those thoughts, feelings and emotions yourself even, were not really even you. If by whatever means you have found yourself in Christianity you are not a homosexual! And this is what the scripture means when they say wait on God. Just stay in that place resisting the devil, and submitting to God. Whoever it is you are will come to you but, whatever it will be, will line up with the word of God. Homosexuality is the greatest form of pride (in my opinion) to go that far away from God’s written word. When by the way, the bible says the Father his Word and his Spirit agrees. Unanimously! The people who had told me not to do it. Old school. As eye went through my process, life showed up for them as well as for myself. But when they went through their things, they maintained their peace, joy and love. When eye went through my stuff. Eye lost everything. Eye thank God for the gift of the spirit. That eye knew he was in me. And eye know

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